

6.8.14.2 USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS

Mace/Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) may be used, when feasible, in lieu of other forceful methods of subduing a subject (i.e., firearm, impact weapon, or other authorized police restraint equipment) when a situation develops where it is probable that either an arrestee or officer may be injured.

Officer/Authorized Employee Responsibilities

When an officer/authorized employee is involved in an incident where reportable force using a chemical agent (Mace/OC) is used, he/she shall adhere to the following:

- Immediately notify supervisor
- Document use of force and justification for use in the Arrest and/or Incident Report, and write "Use of Force" across the top of the report
- Document which supervisor was notified in the Arrest and/or Incident Report
- In all cases where a chemical agent is used, the subject shall be evaluated at the contract hospital immediately. It shall be the responsibility of the officer/employee who used the chemical agent to ensure the medical evaluation is conducted

Supervisor Responsibilities

- Supervisor shall assess the incident and review the Arrest and/or Incident Report
- If the officer/employee is injured to the extent that hospitalization is necessary, it shall be the supervisor's responsibility to ensure the Arrest and/or Incident Report is submitted prior to the end of Watch
- Supervisor shall notify the Watch Commander of the use of force incident
- Supervisor shall report the incident and his/her actions in the supervisor's log

Watch Commander Responsibility

- Watch Commander shall report the incident and his/her actions in the Watch Commander's Log